GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF POLYTHENE BAGS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of use of Polythene Carry Bags in Delhi to carry vegetables, fruits, cereals etc., despite ban imposed by the Delhi Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued necessary directives to the plastic industry to impose self regulation on the manufacturing of polythene carry bags in Delhi;

(c) if so, response of the plastic industry thereto;

(d) whether the Government have nominated any nodal agency to monitor the manufacturing process of polythene bags as per minimum prescribed standard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Government of Delhi has enacted `The Delhi Plastic Bag (Manufacture, Sales and Usage) and Non-biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 2000 prohibiting, inter-alia, manufacture, sale and use of re-cycled non-biodegradable plastic bags and containers for storing, carrying or packing of any food The Act will come into force with effect from the date to be notified in the Gazette by the Delhi Government.

(b) & (c) The Government of Delhi has, brought to the attention of concerned manufacturers and traders, inter-alia, the need to adopt self-regulatory measures as mandated by the Recycled Plastics Management and Usage Rules, 1999.No response has been received so far.

(d) to (f) As per the Act, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee is the authorized agency to monitor the manufacturing of plastic bags.